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**Bank of America Charitable Foundation
Neighborhood Excellence Initiative**

Program: The Bank of America Charitable Foundation is accepting applications for its Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, a program designed to recognize, nurture, and reward organizations, local heroes, and student leaders helping to rebuild and revitalize communities. Working with community partners, Bank of America developed the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative to provide support through three programs in each of the company's markets:

- *Neighborhood Builders:* provides general operating support and leadership training over two years to nonprofit organizations working to create vibrant neighborhoods. Funding for operational support is \$100,000 annually over two years. Recipients are invited to send a senior executive and one emerging leader to participate in a specially designed leadership development program.
- *Local Heroes:* recognizes community leaders and allows them to direct a contribution to the nonprofit of their choice. Local Heroes recipients will be recognized at a public ceremony. Successful nominations will demonstrate how a nominee has made a special and significant impact on individuals, families, or the community at large; inspired others to community service; or been a catalyst for new visions, understanding, and change in a community. The foundation encourages self-nominations.
- *Student Leaders:* recognizes exemplary students who are committed to making a difference with a paid summer internship and an assigned mentor from Bank of America. Students currently in their junior or senior year of high school are eligible to apply. Applicants must be able to participate in an eight-week paid internship during the summer of 2006 with a designated local community organization. In addition, selected student leaders will participate in a mentorship program with local Bank of America executives during 2006.

Funds: *Neighborhood Builders*
Award size: \$200,000
Number of awards: two
Local Heroes
Award size: \$5,000
Number of awards: five
Student Leaders
Award size: summer internships
Number of awards: five

Deadline: June 29, 2007

Eligible: Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status based in and serving communities within the Bank of America market

Information: Boston, Massachusetts market, Telephone: (800) 218-9946, Link:
www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_neighborexcell

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Community Services
Assets for Independence Demonstration Program**

- Program:** The Administration for Children and Families seeks applications for funding to establish and administer Assets for Independence Projects that assist low-income people to become economically self-sufficient by teaching project participants about economic and consumer issues and enabling them to establish matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) in order to save for a first home, a business, or higher education. Grantees must participate in an on-going national evaluation of the impact of the projects and IDAs. Grants will fund a five year project period.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$18,000,000
Average grant size: \$327,273
Number of awards: 50 to 60
- Deadline:** March 15, June 15 and November 1, 2007
- Eligible:** State and local governments and tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations, including
- Information:** James Gatz, Manager, Assets for Independence Program, Office of Community Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20008, Telephone: (202) 401- 4626, Fax: (202) 401-5718, E-mail: afiprogram@acf.hhs.gov, Link: www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2005-ACF-OCS-EI-0053.html

EDUCATION

**U.S. Department of Education
Improving Literacy through School Libraries Program**

- Program:** The purpose of this program is to improve student reading skills and academic achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials; well-equipped, technologically advanced school library media centers; and well-trained, professionally certified school library media specialists.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$19,486,000
Number of awards: 100
- Deadline:** April 2, 2007
- Eligible:** Local educational agencies that serve at least 20 percent of students who are from families with incomes below the poverty line, and not-for profit partners
- Information:** Irene Harwarth, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, room 3W227, Washington, DC 20202-6200, Telephone: (202) 401-3751, E-mail: Irene.Harwarth@ed.gov, Link: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-2821.pdf>

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**U.S. Department of Education
Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools
Foundations for Learning Program**

Program: This program supports projects to help eligible children become ready for school. The absolute priority for this funding is for grants to local educational agencies, local councils, community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations, and other public and nonprofit private entities, or a combination of such entities, to assist eligible children to become ready for school. To be eligible for funding, a project must propose one or more of the following:

- 1) to deliver services to eligible children and their families that foster eligible children's emotional, behavioral, and social development;
- 2) to coordinate and facilitate access by eligible children and their families to the services available through community resources, including mental health, physical health, substance abuse, educational, domestic violence prevention, child welfare, and social services;
- 3) to provide ancillary services such as transportation or child care in order to facilitate the delivery of any other authorized services or activities;
- 4) to develop or enhance early childhood community partnerships and build toward a community system of care that brings together child-serving agencies or organizations to provide individualized supports for eligible children and their families;
- 5) to evaluate the success of strategies and services provided pursuant to the grant in promoting young children's successful entry to school and to maintain data systems required for effective evaluations; and
- 6) to pay for the expenses of administering the grant activities, including assessment of children's eligibility for services.

Funds: Average grant size: \$245,500
Range of grants: \$200,000 to \$300,000
Number of awards: four

Deadline: April 13, 2007

Eligible: Local educational agencies, local councils, community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations, other public entities, and a combination of such entities

Information: Earl Myers, Program Manager, Foundations for Learning Program, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW., room 3E254, Washington, DC 20202-6450, Telephone: (202) 708-8846, E-mail: earl.myers@ed.gov, Link: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-3036.pdf>

HEALTH

**Lance Armstrong Foundation
Community Program**

Program: The Lance Armstrong Foundation's Community Program supports projects that focus

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on education, emotional support, physical activity and nutrition, and other practical issues related to surviving cancer. The foundation will award both implementation grants and evolution grants to nonprofit organizations.

- Funds:** Grant size: up to \$50,000 each over two years
Number of awards: 10
- Deadline:** Letter of intent: April 13, 2007
Full proposals: June 22, 2007
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status
- Information:** Sue Potts, Lance Armstrong Foundation, Post Office Box 161150, Austin, Texas 78716, Telephone:(512) 279-8387, E-mail: communityprogram@laf.org, Link: www.livestrong.org/communityprogram

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Initiative Funding Partners Program

Program: Local Initiative Funding Partners is a partnership program between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and local grantmakers that seeks to fund promising, original projects to significantly improve the health of vulnerable people in their communities. Grantmakers propose a funding partnership by nominating community initiatives that offer creative solutions to critical health or healthcare problems. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation invites grantmaking organizations, including independent and private foundations, family and community foundations, corporate foundations, and other philanthropies, to recommend projects for a funding partnership. Through the initiative, local grantmakers may leverage funds from Robert Wood Johnson to implement new community programs that address serious health issues. To be eligible for the program, projects must be new, innovative, collaborative, and community based. Significant program expansions, such as a major expansion into new regions or to new populations, also may be considered. Local Initiative Funding Partners matching grants may not be used for operation of existing programs. Projects must be nominated by a local grantmaker interested in participating as one of the funding partners. Local funding partners must be willing to work with each grantee to obtain sufficient dollar for dollar matching funds throughout the grant period and matching funds must represent new funding specifically designated to support the proposed project.

- Funds:** Total funds available: up to \$5.8 million
Range of grants: \$200,000 to \$500,000 in matching funds per project
Number of awards: up to 14
- Deadline:** July 10, 2007
- Eligible:** Public entities, and nonprofit, tax exempt organizations with the support of a local grantmaking institution
- Information:** Sandra Lopacki, Deputy Director, Local Initiative Funding Partners, c/o Health Research and Educational Trust of New Jersey, 760 Alexander Road, Princeton, NJ 08543-0001, Telephone: (609) 275-4128, E-mail: slopacki@lifp.org, Link: www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19831

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HOUSING

Home Depot Foundation

Awards of Excellence for Affordable Housing Built Responsibly

- Program:** The Home Depot Foundation's Awards of Excellence for Affordable Housing Built Responsibly seek to identify, recognize, and showcase the outstanding and innovative work of nonprofit housing development corporations engaged in green building and healthy home construction and rehabilitation. The foundation defines an affordable home as one for which a person making 80 percent or less of the area median income would spend 30 percent or less of their monthly income on mortgage or rent payments. The foundation has two award categories: homeownership and rental. Within each category the foundation will award a grant to the winning project, another to the second most competitive project, and up to five honorable mention grants. The grants are to be used at the discretion of the nonprofit to further the goal of producing affordable, efficient, and healthy housing for low to moderate-income families. Projects eligible for award consideration must have been developed by a nonprofit organization and completed and placed in service between January 1, 2005, and December 31, 2006.
- Funds:** Grant size: \$75,000 for first place, \$25,000 to the second, and \$2,500 for honorable mention
Number of awards: up to seven
- Deadline:** Letter of inquiry: March 31, 2007
Full proposals: May 15, 2007
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501(c)(3)
- Information:** The Home Depot Foundation, 2455 Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30339, Telephone: (770) 384-3889, Fax: (770) 384-3908, E-mail: hd_foundation@homedepot.com,
Link: www.homedepotfoundation.org/awards_housing_apply.html

LEGAL SERVICES

Massachusetts Bar Foundation

Funding for Law-Related Programs

- Program:** The Massachusetts Bar Foundation is one of three charitable entities in the state that distributes funds through the Supreme Judicial Court's Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Program. Court rules require that funds are allocated to programs that either provide civil legal services to low-income persons, or improve the administration of justice. The Massachusetts Bar Foundation invites applications from nonprofit organizations in Massachusetts for projects that contribute to the following objectives:
- provide civil legal services to low-income persons on issues where there is an identifiable and unmet need;
 - conduct activities that contribute directly to the improvement in the administration of justice in Massachusetts;

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- demonstrate an innovative, cost-effective approach that does not duplicate other services;
- enlist the pro bono support of the private bar;
- serve particularly underserved areas of the Commonwealth; and
- include collaborative efforts with both the court system and other organizations.

Funds: Number of awards: 100
 Total funds available: approximately \$3.6 million

Deadline: March 19, 2007

Eligible: Nonprofit organizations in Massachusetts

Information: Massachusetts Bar Foundation Grants Office, 20 West Street, Boston, MA 02111, Telephone: (617) 338-0534, E-mail: foundation@massbar.org, Link: www.massbarfoundation.org/grant_programs/iolta/

MENTAL HEALTH

American Psychiatric Foundation Funding for Mental Illness Awareness and Education

Program: The American Psychiatric Foundation is making funds available to fund public education, information, and outreach initiatives that promote the early recognition and treatment of mental illness. Grants from the foundation can support a wide variety of public education activities in this arena. The foundation seeks to fund new and innovative ideas and programs that promote public awareness of mental illness, the effectiveness of treatment, and the importance of early intervention. Applicants do not need to be mental health programs. Grants may be sought for new initiatives or the expansion of current programs and requests must be for educational, informational, or outreach efforts. Those efforts may focus on a specific mental disorder, mental illness in general, or target a specific population.

Funds: Grant size: up to \$750

Deadline: August 1, 2007

Eligible: Not-for-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status that have been in existence for at least two years, as well as American Psychiatric Association district branches and subsidiaries.

Information: American Psychiatric Foundation, 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1825, Arlington, VA 22209, Telephone: (703) 907-8512, E-mail: apf@psych.org, Link: www.psychfoundation.org/grants.cfm

NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Community Services Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program

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Program: The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, will award funds to experienced organizations to deliver capacity building services to faith-based and community organizations through the provision of training, technical assistance, and sub-awards. Intermediary organizations will assist faith-based and community organizations with capacity building activities in five critical areas: 1) leadership development, 2) organizational development, 3) program development, 4) revenue development strategies, and 5) community engagement. Capacity building activities are designed to increase an organization's sustainability and effectiveness, enhance its ability to provide social services, and create collaborations to better serve those most in need.

Funds: Total funds available: \$16,500,000
Number of awards: 33

Deadline: May 16, 2007

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit faith-based and community organizations

Information: Thom Campbell, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services Operations Center, Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program, 1515 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22209, Telephone: (800) 281-9519, E-mail: ocs@lcgnet.com, Link: www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-EJ-0035.html

READING

The National Endowment of the Arts

The Big Read

Program: The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, designed to revitalize the role of literature in American popular culture and bring the transformative power of literature into the lives of its citizens. Created by the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest, The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment. The program encourages partnerships and applicant organizations must partner with a library. The program also requires the minimum of a 100 percent match of nonfederal funds.

Funds: Range of grants: \$5,000 to \$20,0000
Number of awards: 120

Deadline: April 12, 2007

Eligible: Nonprofit organizations and state and local government agencies, including literary centers, libraries, museums, colleges and universities, art centers, historical societies, arts councils, tribal governments, humanities councils, literary festivals, and arts organizations.

Information: The Big Read, Arts Midwest, 2908 Hennepin Avenue, Suite 200 Minneapolis, MN 55408, Telephone: (612) 341-0755, E-mail: TheBigRead@artsmidwest.org, Link: www.neabigread.org/docs/RFPPhase1-2The%20Big%20Read.pdf

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Office of National Drug Control Policy and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Drug Free Communities Support Program

Program: The Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has announced the availability of funds for Drug Free Communities Support Program grants. The program is a collaborative initiative sponsored by Office of National Drug Control Policy in partnership with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in order to achieve two major goals:

- 1) establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, private nonprofit agencies, and federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth; and
- 2) reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse.

The program gives priority to economically disadvantaged areas or counties in which 20 percent or more of the children are living in a household below the poverty line, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Funds: Total funds available: \$6 million
Number of awards: 60

Deadline: April 17, 2007

Eligible: Community-based coalitions

Information: Jayme S. Marshall, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, One Choke Cherry Road., Room 4-1059, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: (240) 276-1270, E-mail: dfcnew2007@samhsa.hhs.gov, Link: www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2007/SP_07_001.aspx

YOUTH

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Family and Youth Services Bureau Basic Center Program

Program: The Family and Youth Services Bureau is accepting applications for the Basic Center Program, which is authorized by the Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act of 2003 to address the problems of runaway and homeless youth. The Basic Center Program provides an alternative to involving runaway and homeless youth in the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems. Each center must provide a safe and appropriate shelter, and individual,

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family, and group counseling as appropriate.

Funds: Total funds available: \$18,300,000
Average grant size: \$130,000
Number of awards: 91 to 140

Deadline: September 1, 2006

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations

Information: Courtney Workman, Family and Youth Services Bureau, ACYF Operations Center, c/o The Dixon Group, Inc., 118 Q Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-2132, Telephone: (866) 796-1591, E-mail: FYSB@dixongroup.com, Link: www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-CY-0063.html

FOUNDATION PROFILES

Amelia Peabody Foundation

Grants for Disadvantaged Youth

Program: The primary mission of the Amelia Peabody Foundation is to increase the number, range, and depth of positive learning experiences available to materially disadvantaged young people living in the cities and towns of Massachusetts.

Funds: Range of grants: \$20,000 to \$50,000

Deadline: April 26, August 2, and October 18, 2007

Eligible: Non-profit organizations in Massachusetts with 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS

Information: Margaret St. Clair, Co-Managing Trustee, The Amelia Peabody Foundation, One Hollis Street, Wellesley, MA 02482, Telephone: (781) 237-6468, Fax: (781) 237-5014, E-mail: jsmith@ameliapeabody.org, Link: www.ameliapeabody.org/

John Hancock Financial Services

Support for Programs Serving Boston Youth and Families

Program: John Hancock Financial Services, Inc., a division of Manulife Financial Corporation, has announced that it will commit \$10.5 million to support local Boston-area community programs in 2007. The company also has pledged ten thousand hours of community support through its employee volunteer programs. As a component of this effort, the company will provide ongoing community support totaling \$5.7 million, a \$200,000 increase over 2006. Annual financial support, including grants, sponsorships, and a matching gifts program, will be provided to numerous charitable organizations. The mission of John Hancock in the community is to provide the greatest level of support for Boston youth and families most in need. John Hancock does not typically fund general operating support, capital campaigns, building renovations, or endowments.

Funds: Total funds available: \$10.5 million for 2007

Deadline: rolling

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status; the company has a strong preference for Boston-based nonprofits that serve Boston youth and families.

Information: Carol Fulp, Vice President, Community Relations, John Hancock Financial Services,

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601 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210, Link:
www.johnhancock.com/about/community/com_guidelines.jsp

RECENT AWARDS

The Boston Foundation

- Program:**
- *Roxbury Youthworks* – \$15,000 for its Ready, Train, Hire program that aims to help youths involved in the criminal-justice system find jobs in Boston.
- Information:** The Boston Foundation, 75 Arlington Street, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02116, Telephone: (617) 338-1700, E-mail: info@tbf.org, Link:www.tbf.org

Clowes Fund

- Program:**
- *Samaritans* – \$45,000 for organizational development;
 - *Sheltering Wings Center for Women* – \$60,000 for program support; and
 - *West End House Boys & Girls Club* – \$45,000 for general operating support.
- Information:** The Clowes Fund, 320 North Meridian Street, Suite 316, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, Telephone: (317) 833-0144 or (800) 943-7209, Link: www.clowesfund.org

Ronald McDonald House Charities

- Program:**
- *Screening for Mental Health, Inc.* – \$506,600 for a program that treats depression and suicide risk among middle school children ages 11 to 14.
- Information:** Ronald McDonald House Charities, One Kroc Drive, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523, Telephone: (630) 623-7048, Link: <http://rmhc.org>

Staples Foundation for Learning

- Program:**
- *FutureBoston* – \$25,000 for the Boston Digital Commons, which supports educational technology projects and ventures in the city.
 - *Horizons for Homeless Children* – \$10,000 to support Community Children's Centers, which provide homeless children with early-education services.
- Information:** Staples Foundation for Learning, 500 Staples Drive, Framingham, MA 01702, E-mail: foundationinfo@staples.com, Link: www.staplesfoundation.org

William Randolph Hearst Foundation

- Program:**
- *Catholic Schools Foundation* – \$225,000 to augment an endowed scholarship fund for inner-city youth.
- Information:** William Randolph Hearst Foundation, 300 West 57th Street, 26th Floor, New York, New York 10106, Telephone: (212) 586-5404, Fax: (212) 586-1917, Link:<http://hearstfdn.org>

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